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WAY BACKWARD.

The Forties Recall-
ed by an Old Citizen

TIONED NEGRO WEDDING

Gave Alarm Among the Whites
Insurrection Feared.

Back in the distant past, a
counted in the early his-
Lafayette county's an incident
that caused much excitement
and alarm throughout the
It was in the decade from
1850, about 1846, when the
as but sparsely populated.

population of the county con-
sistly of people from southern
Virginia, Kentucky and Ten-
There were a few from other
states, and some from states
north. Many of them were
had many slaves, and were
educated and were an ener-
getic people.

In the forties Dr. John Wes-
emigrated from Kentucky
county. He was a wealthy
brought with him a large
of money and many slaves. He
a man of fine intellect, well
well balanced and high
his wealth and intellectual
soon gained him a high
among the wealthy and edu-
cated of the county and the
confidence of all classes.

After arriving here he pur-
chased six miles south of Lex-
ington. It is the one now owned by
Shull, and upon which
resides. Here he lived, suc-
cessfully cultivated his farm and
his family of two children
of moral and religious

His negroes was a girl just
into womanhood. She was
in the family and was trained
for housework. She was
a girl and being in constant
with the white members of
the family was intelligent and a fa-
miliar all. She contracted mar-
riage with one of the best young negro
The consent of Dr. and Mrs.

was obtained. As she was a
Dr. Letton determined to
an old-time plantation wed-
ding. The day was fixed and a
number of guests invited.

Anderson, better known
as the name of "Boss" Ander-
son, sheriff, and James S. Allen, a
business man, was deputy

on the day of the wed-
ding and came to town from
county and informed Sheriff An-
derson that the pretended wedding
was, and that the real object of
the wedding was to get the negroes to
form an insurrection and
across the country to Illinois
in their freedom. The men
well known citizens, whose state-
ment could not go unheeded. Sheriff
Anderson directed Deputy Allen to
go and proceed to the
wedding and suppress any
trouble that might occur.

At 9 o'clock at night a posse of
absolute, determined men, well
armed and mounted, left town for Dr.
Letton. It was a cool night in Sep-
tember. The moon was full, and up-
on the horizon it shed a bright
light up the road almost as
day.

A posse arrived in front of the
house about 10 o'clock. The house
was brilliantly illuminated
and our position in the road the
could be seen moving about and
talking together.

Strict orders to keep together
ready for any emergency we
were at the gate and galloped up
in the midst of the crowd.
Sudden and unexpected appear-
ance in their midst of an armed con-
tingent caused alarm and consterna-
tion. A panic and most of the guests
way to seek hiding places from
any danger. A few remained
in silent awe, not knowing
what was to come.

Dr. Allen called for Dr. Letton,

who, calm and dignified, came out to
meet him. He was informed of the
reported insurrection and the object
of his coming. He did not believe it, but
firmly denounced it as utterly untrue.
He said the negroes were faithful and
quiet and that the gathering at the
wedding was the result of his action,
for which he was responsible. Sheriff
Allen questioned several of the ne-
groes, but no information could be ob-
tained.

Failing to obtain the expected in-
formation, the posse was about to
leave, when Dr. Letton, with south-
ern hospitality, stated that supper was
over, but there was a plentiful supply
left, and invited us to partake. The
invitation was gladly accepted. We
fled into the dining room and a splen-
did, inviting scene was before us. A
long table, covered with spotless linen,
was laden with the richest viands. At
one end of the table, on a dish, was a
pig cooked whole, with a red apple in
its mouth. Ham, turkey and chicken
were there. Relishes, sweetmeats and
other edibles were plentiful, and three
tall pyramid cakes adorned the table.
It was a feast for a king.

After enjoying the supper the order
was given to mount and we started on
our return. Two of the men who
brought the report to Sheriff Ander-
son were with us. They and Sheriff
Allen were not satisfied. If the ne-
groes intended to assert their freedom
they certainly would not inform Dr.
Letton. Nor would they disclose it to
Sheriff Allen.

After consultation it was deter-
mined to scout that section of the
country. The county was not so
densely populated then. It contained
only 8,000 or 10,000 people and farm
houses were generally some distance
apart. By the bright light of the
moon we marched in double quick
time from house to house, aroused the
occupants and questioned them, but
no news could be obtained. Having
failed to obtain any information, about
2 o'clock the posse headed for home.

On the way there lived a noble old
pioneer by the name of William Mos-
by. He lived on the farm now owned
by Mr. J. O. Leseuer, four miles south
of Lexington. On the south side of
the farm was a negro cabin, occupied
by an old favorite and retired negro
man known by the name of "Uncle
Travis." He was a trusted and well
informed old negro and generally knew
what the negroes were doing. He was
called up and questioned closely, but
denied any knowledge of the uprising,
denounced it as false, and said it was
started to prejudice the whites against
the negroes. He was known to be re-
liable and his statement was accepted
as true, and we returned to town, sat-
isfied that the report was false, arriv-
ing about 4 o'clock.

Though the report was untrue it
spread over the country and created
great alarm. Squads of armed men
patrolled the country until quiet and
confidence were restored.

The writer was one of that posse.
Of all the people, white and black, in-
cluding the posse, that were at that
wedding that night, he remembers but
two who are now living. Sheriff An-
derson and Deputy Allen have long
since passed over the river and now
rest with the silent dead. The two
living are Mrs. Lavina C. Chiles, the
only daughter of Dr. Letton, who now
lives at Mayview, and himself. H.

The Rev. T. M. Cobb and wife left
Thursday morning for their home at
Carthage, Mo. They were accom-
panied as far as Kansas City by Mrs.
Bert Taubman, who spent Thursday
there.

Another printer's "devil" put in
his appearance at ye editor's home at
an early hour Wednesday morning,
and if our subscribers will only "pony
up," guess we'll be able to keep him.
Our oldest boy—we've got three now,
wanted to know if we took this one
on advertising—Fayette Democrat-
Leader.

A sow was missed from John
Planter's place, Grand Pass, about
the 5th of June, of this year, and
was found October 4th in the pit of
the stock scales. When missed it
weighed about 200 pounds, and when
found only drew the scales at 30 or 40
pounds. It had existed four months
without food or water.—Marshall
Democrat-News.

SCHOOL MONEYS APPORTIONED.

The Handsome Sum of \$21,555.50
for Lafayette County Schools.

The county court has made an order
apportioning the school money for
Lafayette county for the year 1901,
the total amount aggregating the
handsome sum of \$21,555.50. This is
money received by the county from
the state, interest on money loaned
out and taxes on railroad corporations.
Not one cent of it comes through the
taxation of Lafayette county prop-
erty owners. The apportionment will
be found below:

DISTRICTS.	State Funds.	County Funds.	Township Funds.	Total.
D. 1	48 24	\$ 130 90	\$ 119 00	\$ 249 90
2	48 24	84 70	77 00	161 70
3	48 24	56 10	31 00	107 10
4	48 24	383 80	548 00	931 80
5	48 24	61 00	56 00	117 00
6	48 24	42 90	30 00	72 90
7	48 24	35 20	32 00	67 20
8	48 24	31 70	47 00	78 70
9	48 24	90 20	82 00	172 20
10	48 24	41 80	38 00	79 80
11	48 24	41 80	38 00	79 80
12	48 24	47 30	43 00	90 30
13	48 24	66 00	60 00	126 00
14	48 24	67 10	61 00	128 10
15	48 24	56 10	51 00	107 10
16	48 24	49 90	46 00	95 90
17	48 24	49 50	45 00	94 50
18	48 24	15 40	14 00	29 40
19	48 24	60 30	55 00	115 30
20	48 24	82 50	75 00	157 50
21	48 24	27 50	25 00	52 50
22	48 24	486 20	442 00	928 20
23	48 24	49 90	45 00	94 90
24	48 24	73 90	68 00	141 90
25	48 24	44 60	40 00	84 60
26	48 24	92 40	84 00	176 40
27	48 24	135 10	121 00	256 10
28	48 24	20 40	18 00	38 40
29	48 24	85 80	78 00	163 80
30	48 24	101 20	92 00	193 20
31	48 24	71 60	65 00	136 60
32	48 24	141 00	129 00	270 00
33	48 24	46 30	42 00	88 30
34	48 24	1046 10	951 00	2097 10
35	48 24	60 00	55 00	115 00
36	48 24	107 90	96 00	203 90
37	48 24	45 10	41 00	86 10
38	48 24	34 10	31 00	65 10
39	48 24	103 20	94 00	197 20
40	48 24	229 10	208 00	437 10
41	48 24	49 50	45 00	94 50
42	48 24	49 50	45 00	94 50
43	48 24	77 00	70 00	147 00
44	48 24	45 10	41 00	86 10
45	48 24	49 50	45 00	94 50
46	48 24	68 00	62 00	130 00
47	48 24	68 00	62 00	130 00
48	48 24	80 50	73 00	153 50
49	48 24	52 90	49 00	101 90
50	48 24	38 40	34 00	72 40
51	48 24	37 40	34 00	71 40
52	48 24	71 00	65 00	136 00
53	48 24	79 20	72 00	151 20
54	48 24	66 00	60 00	126 00
55	48 24	63 80	58 00	121 80
56	48 24	63 80	58 00	121 80
57	48 24	46 20	42 00	88 20
58	48 24	47 30	43 00	90 30
59	48 24	132 00	120 00	252 00
60	48 24	68 20	62 00	130 20
61	48 24	68 20	62 00	130 20
62	48 24	51 70	47 00	98 70
63	48 24	349 8	318 00	667 80
64	48 24	50 20	46 00	96 20
65	48 24	80 50	73 00	153 50
66	48 24	75 00	69 00	144 00
67	48 24	53 90	49 00	102 90
68	48 24	50 00	46 00	96 00
69	48 24	80 50	73 00	153 50
70	48 24	37 40	34 00	71 40
71	48 24	45 10	41 00	86 10
72	48 24	68 00	62 00	130 00
73	48 24	68 00	62 00	130 00
74	48 24	80 50	73 00	153 50
75	48 24	52 90	49 00	101 90
76	48 24	38 40	34 00	72 40
77	48 24	37 40	34 00	71 40
78	48 24	71 00	65 00	136 00
79	48 24	79 20	72 00	151 20
80	48 24	66 00	60 00	126 00
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90	48 24	53 90	49 00	102 90
91	48 24	50 00	46 00	96 00
92	48 24	80 50	73 00	153 50
93	48 24	37 40	34 00	71 40
94	48 24	45 10	41 00	86 10
95	48 24	68 00	62 00	130 00
96	48 24	68 00	62 00	130 00
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The horse stolen from William
Stapleton, and which was reported in
the INTELLIGENCER last week, has
been recovered. The animal had not
been stolen but had only strayed
away. The opening of the barn door
remains a mystery.

Capt. W. H. Edwards, who has
been at Eldorado Springs for some
time with the hope of benefitting his
health, returned home Tuesday even-
ing accompanied by his niece, Miss
Curtis Henry. The INTELLIGENCER
regrets to state that the trip did not
materially improve Capt. Edwards.

Miss Myrtle Terhune returned to
Liberty Tuesday, after a few days'
visit with homefolks. She was ac-
companied by Ellen May Ramey,
of Lexington, and Ellen and Lucile
Williams, of Liberty, who were
guests of the family of Mrs. Terhune.

Mrs. M. J. Amick, who resides at
Fifth and Washington streets, has
presented the Capital with a per-
fectly round egg, which was laid by a
Hamburg hen. It is a curiosity and
well worth seeing. The hen should
feel very proud of the job.—Sedalia
Capital.

Mrs. Ed. Barnett, who has been
visiting the family of A. Barley, re-
turned to her home in Kansas City
Wednesday. She was accompanied
by her mother, Mrs. A. W. Lamborn,
who will return to her home in
Tacoma, Washington, after a short
stay in Kansas City.

LOCAL RALLY OF INTEREST.

Y. W. C. A. of Lexington Held Meet-
ings Thursday of this Week.

The Y. W. C. A. rally in Lex-
ington Thursday was a notable event
in Christian work, the meeting at
the Christian church in the after-
noon and that at the Presbyterian
church in the evening having both
been decided successes and encour-
aging to those who labor in the vine-
yard of the Master.

The afternoon meeting was attend-
ed by women only and was presided
over by Miss Constance McCorkle,
state secretary of the Young Woman's
Christian association. The branches
of the organization of both Central
and the Baptist colleges attended
and interesting reports and talks
were made by the officers thereof.

The night session held at the
Presbyterian church was largely at-
tended. Elder Fenstermacher, of
the Christian church presided, owing
to the absence of Dr. Gordon, the
pastor. Addresses were made by
President Williams of Central col-
lege, and Rev. Matt S. Hughes,
pastor of the Independence Avenue
Methodist church at Kansas City.
Special music was arranged for the
occasion which proved a most enjoy-
able feature. There was a violin solo
by Miss Kreher, of the Baptist col-
lege, a vocal solo by Miss Llewellyn
and a vocal rendition by the quartet
of the Baptist church.

PROF. WILLIAMS' ADDRESS.

Prof. Williams in his brief talk said
that the Y. M. C. A. developed out of
necessity less than three-fourths of a
century ago and yet today its influence
is felt in all parts of the world. The
Y. W. C. A. was organized at London
in 1855 and took tangible form in this
country in 1878 at a couple of prayer-
meetings in obscure towns; now it is
found in nearly every land in Chris-
tendom. The speaker told of the work of
the association in the colleges and
commended it highly. In over 350
colleges there are now 19,000 members
of the Y. W. C. A. The increase last
year was greater than ever before. The
Bible, said he, is taught in the schools
now as never before, even in the unde-
nominational schools.

DR. HUGHES' ADDRESS.

The address of Dr. Hughes followed,
and to say that it was an oratorical
gem is putting it mildly. Not only
that, but it was filled with Christian
logic most convincing. This was Dr.
Hughes' first appearance in Lexington
and no pulpitor orator who has ever
spoken here made a more favorable
impression. A very young man, he has
within his bosom the fire of Christian
life and God has blessed him with the
tongue to tell of the faith that is in
him and with a mammoth brain to dic-
tate to that tongue its sayings.

"The Art of Living" was the subject
chosen by the speaker, and he handled
it in a most masterful manner. All
things point to one end, said he, and
that end is life. When the world was
made it was left in an incomplete
condition and the work left to man to
push it on to perfection. God gave the
rough material and man must carve
from it. In other words, man must
take up the work where the Creator's
hand lays it down. What God did not
do man must do. Man's relation to
the world can be summed up in two
words, "science and art." What he
knows is science and what he does is
art. And among all arts the one
supreme art is the art of living. In
this art all must be students and
workers and each must succeed or fail.
The finished product of the art of liv-
ing is character. Art for art's sake is
humbugery for all arts were intended
to minister to the needs of man. The
speaker gave a scathing rebuke to the
nude in art and to literature that came
from the pen of the drunkard. You
read the works of Byron, Burns and
others, said he, with great relish,
while you shun the bloated drunkard
on your streets as you would a poison-
ous reptile.

Young men, said the speaker, are
more inclined to look upon the sur-
face than at the real things of life.
They seek models that are misleading.
The living man himself is greater than
anything man can do. The ideal of
the art of living is always a living
ideal. Instead of building cathedrals
let us build up manhood and

womanhood. The art of living is the
personification of all arts. While all
cannot paint and carve, each can pro-
duce a masterpiece in the art of living.
It is left to man to mold his own char-
acter; the art of living has been placed
within his keeping.

Dr. Hughes spoke nearly an hour
and there was not a dull moment dur-
ing the course of his discourse.

IN TIE TOP SHAPE.

New York Expert Goes Through Mis-
souri's Books.

The Chillicothe Constitution of
Monday, October 7th, gives publica-
tion to the following bit of news
which proved a scoop on its Missouri
contemporaries. The Constitution
says:

"Charles E. Morris, the expert
accountant sent to Jefferson City by a
prominent New York City bureau of
expert book-keepers and clerical
accountants, has finished his work of
examining the records and papers in
the department of the Missouri state
auditor and his report is now being
typewritten in the New York office of
his company and will be returned and
filed with Auditor Albert O. Allen
within a few days.

"The report will account for every
cent expended in every state fund or
for any purpose whatsoever during the
past thirty years. In conversation
with a staff representative of the Con-
stitution at Jefferson City Saturday
Expert Morris said:

"I leave for other fields of labor
tonight. I finished my work in the
auditor's office several days ago and
my report is now in the hands of the
typewriter at the home office. It will
be returned here the first of the week,
when you may comment as you desire
upon it, but you will please not men-
tion the matter today."

"Asked who employed him Expert
Morris said he did not know. He
simply received orders from New York
headquarters to report at the Missouri
state house for duty. His firm never
tells its men any details.

"Since arriving here and reading
the St. Louis Globe-Democrat I have
gleaned some idea of why I was sent
here," said Mr. Morris.

"I wish that Globe-Democrat man
was here to go over the work with
me. I was sent to find a shortage if
one existed and it is always to the ad-
vantage of my house and myself to
find irregularities, because it adver-
tises our business and calls attention
to our expert methods. However, the
state funds of Missouri are all account-
ed for, every cent.

"I had not been here three days
when I was certain of that, but the
accounts were confused to some extent
among the different funds. This was
the only trouble here and now that
the various papers have been checked
up and placed in their proper places
there is no irregularity in any fund.
The Globe-Democrat intimates that
this work is being done by an irres-
ponsible bookkeeper, subsidized by the
state administration. My firm was
employed when the United States
treasury records were examined by a
congressional committee several years
ago. The firm employs something
like 125 men the year round at sal-
aries averaging between \$30 and \$40
per week. I am not in the employ of
the administration and I challenge
any expert accountant to deny the
absolute correctness of my report."

Mrs. M. B. Oliver, of Dover, went
to Kansas City Thursday morning,
after a visit with the Misses Davis.
She was accompanied by Miss Laura
Davis.

Benjamin Blincoe came up from
Higginsville Thursday afternoon. He
brought with him a colored prisoner,
John Dyer, charged with petit
larceny.

Dr. Matt S. Hughes, pastor of the
Independence Avenue Methodist
church at Kansas City, who spoke at
the Presbyterian church Thursday
evening, returned home Friday morn-
ing.

Mr. and Mrs. John Taubman went
to Kansas City Tuesday afternoon.
Mr. Taubman will return today, but
Mrs. Taubman will spend several
days as the guest of her sister, Mrs.
Zeiler.

COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS

Road Funds Apportioned to Var-
ious Districts.

JURORS FOR DECEMBER TERM DRAWN

Big Grist Ground Out During the Three
Days' Session.

The county court adjourned Wed-
nesday afternoon after a session of
three days, during which considera-
ble business was transacted.